

REMARKS

Claims 16-25 remain in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the standing claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 16, 18, 20-22 and 24-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6,532,538 (Cronk) in view of USPN 6,157,534 (Gallagher). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Each claim recites, either directly or indirectly, the feature of a "server blade."

The term server blade is defined in the Specification as "a device implemented as a single board, such as a single board computer (SBC) with a processor or controller."

Specification, Page 6: Lines 5-8.

Cronk and Gallagher, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose at least this feature. As correctly stated in the Office Action, Cronk fails to disclose a "server blade" as recited in the claimed subject matter. The Office Action asserts that Gallagher recites the missing element. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Gallagher fails to disclose a "server blade" as recited in the claimed subject matter. Gallagher is directed to a data server having a plurality of replaceable processing modules. Each processing module is essentially a tiny computer, having its own power supply, backup batteries, fans, fan trays, I/O adapter card slots, CPU, main memory and I/O adapter cards. Gallagher, Col. 1: Lines 30-35 and FIG. 5B and accompanying description. The processing module of Gallagher is not "a device implemented as a single board, such as a single board computer (SBC) with a processor or controller."

For at least the reasons given above, it can be appreciated that Cronk and Gallagher both fail to disclose the claimed subject matter, whether taken alone or in combination. Removal of the rejection for claims 16, 18, 20-22 and 24-25 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 19 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronk in view of Gallagher, and further in view of USPN 6,536,669 (Memmont). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Memmont also fails to disclose a "server blade" as recited in the claimed subject matter. As with the other claims, claims 19 and 23 both recite the feature of a "server blade." Memmont is directed to an inventory scanner comprising a plurality of mini-scanners. Each mini-scanner may comprise a plug-in software module that gathers data regarding components in a computer system. Memmont, Col. 1: Line 65 to Col. 2: Line 5. Neither the inventor scanner nor the mini-scanners comprise "a device implemented as a single board, such as a single board computer (SBC) with a processor or controller."

For at least the reasons given above, it can be appreciated that Cronk, Gallagher and Memmont all fail to disclose the claimed subject matter, whether taken alone or in combination. Removal of the rejection for claims 19 and 23 is therefore respectfully requested.

For at least the above reasons, Applicant submits that claims 16-25 recite novel features not shown by the cited documents. Further, Applicant submits that the above-recited novel features provide new and unexpected results not recognized by the cited documents. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are not anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the cited documents.

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It is believed that claims 16-25 are in allowable form. Accordingly, a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 724-933-3387 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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